

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1                   1.     An information backup system, comprising:
  - 2                    A.     a first computing system including
    - 3                       (i)     a first local disk that includes a first disk driver;
    - 4                       (ii)    first local RAM;
    - 5                       (iii)   a first network interface that is connected to a
    - 6 computer network and includes a first network driver;
    - 7                       (iv)    first means responsive to communications from said
    - 8 first network driver and said first disk driver, for writing data to and reading data from said
    - 9 first local RAM;
  - 10                  B.     a second computing system including
    - 11                       (i)     a second local disk that includes a second disk
    - 12 driver;
    - 13                       (ii)    second local RAM;
    - 14                       (iii)   a second network interface that is connected to the
    - 15 computer network and includes a second network driver; and
    - 16                       (iv)    second means responsive to communications from
    - 17 said second network driver and said second disk driver, for writing data to and reading
    - 18 data from said second local RAM.
- 1                   2.     The information backup system of claim 1, wherein said first means
- 2 for writing data communicates with said first disk driver to cache data in the first local
- 3 RAM.